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The Proud Milkmaid.

In is more than a hundred years ago, upor a brilliant afternoon of September, a coach and four, covered with dust, had just stopped in front of the only tavern of a small village in the "merry country of France." The hostlers were busy taking the harness from the Inded horses, and, amidst sundry ejaculations and impatient exclamations, were exchanging commentaries upon the rank or profession of the traveler. The latter had disappeared with the host in the bright and cheerful kitchen, where, in those days, guests and hosts used to partake, together, of the same fare. After giving his orders for a bountiful repast, and and adding that he wanted it in a hurry, as he wished to reach, before night, a large town. somewhat distant, he had sagntered along the street, gazed at by the children at play, and by the old women spinning in front of their dwellings. A'l delighted to have such an event as a "traveler" to discuss. What a figure he would cut, now, to be sure! with his carefully powdered hair, his three-cornered hat, his bright blue coat, with shining buttons, his buff knee-breeches, and buckled shoes. His whole appearance denoted the were of the finest fabric, wide and undulaling with rare old lace: his hands, white and

complexion showed, at a glauce, his northern surrounded by shady fields. origin; his features were regular, his figure tall and straight, his whole appearance noble.

As we have already said, the stranger was quietly walking along the little village street, and soon had reached its last house, prettily meandering among meadows, and crossed by bubbling brooks, all fragrant with the many tiny flowers of the fields, and here and there everarched by the luxuriant wild pear-trees .--It was near sanset: the lowing of the cows into gold. The traveler was enchanted. He had, five days before, left the noisy and busy

ing brook, he saw, coming across the meadow, a young girl, carrying on her head a pail brimming over with milk. She must have been wonderfully fair and lovely, that rustic milkmaid, to attract and rivet the attention of the somewhat blase young man, used to the benuties of the unrivalled city. Never had he seen such perfection of features and such gracefulness of form. Her bare arm, raised to steady the pail poised on her head, though rounded outline of her bust, and the beauty pose, and beautiful in expression. Beautiful ful head the bright red lips, and beaming eyes - nothing escaped the attention and scruexiny of the stranger. He was at first spellbound, little thinking that he should meet not heeded, only the girl gave him an aston-I hed and somewhat scornful glanca, which must have enhanced her beauty tenfold, for the young man expressed his admiration in warm and plain language, and ventured on

uged, she quietly walked off.

There was no further traveling that night; nor the next day, nor for many days after .-The energetic answer of the insulted girl had touched a vibrating chord in our young man's heart. From a mere amateur's admiration his feelings had turned to respect. It was so novel an adventure that he resolved to follow

On that very night, after he had announced made enquiries about the young girl. She was well known as the "beautiful Petronella," and better known as the proudest girl of the country; one to whom no one dared to offer the least familiarity, and whose low birth was hidden un ler her noble and spotles character.

Our traveler went to the small farm-house where she lived with her old parents, the ter. He saw her there; he apologized to her: he spoke to her with the respect he felt: and, at last, after many a parley and discussion with the old people, the young girl was taken to the school of the neighboring convent, there to be educated; taught to read and write, and embroider on satin-the three reuisites of a lady's education in those plain and easy times.

Three years did she stay there, until the day she became twenty. On that day, and stronger fact of its being the only one addressed by the pastor of the village church, she was married to the young man whom she had ice so bravely repulsed, and whose patient waiting and deferential courtship were fully warded by the loveliness and rare beauty of his rustic bride; they had lost nothing of their perfection by being taught how to shine.

The milkmaid became the wife of the rich banker, and for many a year adorned his orincely mansion, and did the honors of her usband's table, with a native and striking grace that every one noticed. But very few were made acquainted with her early life and rather novel courtship; she did not wish to me a wonder and a curiosity to her husband's friends, but to those who had become intimate enough to be told of her native place and avecation, she used to say that when she carried the milk-pails and milked her father's cows, she felt as high-bred, if not as highborn, as the first lady of the land. Nature rich man; the ruffles on his bosom and wrists had made her a lady, and circumstances had only given her the lady's attire.

Her first child, a daughter, named after Pesmall, showed no sign of hard work; his tronella's mother, Jenny, married one of the step, even, had that saunter and ease which most widely known, living religious writers.

So; if they fact the public, and holding his lance sing themselves pleased; if not, they taste no ter in general; events which affect the public, tell of no obligation to hurry, and bespeak In that daughter's house my grandmother envoice to say a single word of sympathy, however upon it, at first with but occasional effect, ofbeautiful even in death. She was buried very night endurable. But among the sleepy, sense-He was a young man; perhaps not over near her native place, and, by her wish, in an less crowd around, the only one I had a right to twenty-two. His clear, blue eyes and fair out of the way, seeluded village church yard,

How a Company was Saven, -We have been lamp that rattled and flickered above us showed the column from front to rear," and tossing toss his weapon high in the air directly above his operation. The subordinates cat nothing but informed by an officer of the United States army me more plainly than any other object his fixed. of a most remarkable instance of ingenuity and unsympathizing face, as he leaned against the far on one side. At length, still steady and and dash on at a flying pace. Again, relying the cakes, confections of all kinds, and sauces. presence of mind in a Sergeant of the army, window of the car, his lips compressed and his inclosed by a little garden filled with the which occurred a few weeks ago, by which he brow knit. He did not sleep any more than I flaunting blossoms of the hollyhocks and sun-saved his own life and that of his party. A ser-did, nor do I think he was a whit more comfortflowers. Here the street was merging itself in- geant, with about twenty-five soldiers, had been fortable; but he had his impatience under better to a lane-a real old-fushioned country lane- sent out some miles from Fort Defiance, New control, and never moved a muscle or uttered a Mexico, to guard some stock which were sent to sound for hours together. graze, when, unexpectedly, they found that the | It was the most torturing thing to watch him party was surrounded by about four hundred so entirely unmoved by the discomforts which bostile Navaio Indians. The brave and skillful were, I was firmly convinced driving me madsergeant took position on an eminence, and by, a and in my jaundiced eyes, his profile took a volley from the long-shooting rifles of his party, thousand wizard shapes. It would have been a and the tinkling of their bells was heard ev- at first drove of the savages, who, however, soon relief if he had moved in ever so slight a degree to feet, the riflemen plied their terrible weapon. very moment when he had carried his own temerrywhere The fields were alive with the boys railied, and were preparing to storm the little one side or the other; but a painted face mon a and girls driving the cattle home. It was party on all sides. The sergeant, in taxing his painted window could not have been more rigid that cheerful hour of the day when every ob- brain for an expedient by which to convey intel- than the one before me. I was dying of thirst, ject is tinged with the brightest shades, and ligence of the desperate peril in which his party was smothering for want of air, ached in every the sun, before disappearing, turns everything was placed, took a single dog which had accompanied the party, fastening to his collar a note monotonous motion of the cars, and their accomwritten with a pencil, informing the commander panying noises, harsh and shrill, made to my at the fort of his situation, took a tin cup in perfectly unaccustomed car a frightful combinacity of Paris, and ever since hurried through which he put some publics, which were confined tion of discord; and this all coming upon my exscarcely less busy or less noisy towns. Here, with a piece of cloth over the top, fastened it cited and sensitive nerves, worked me up into a scene; Patterson's batteries on the other side at last, he could refresh his eyes and mind; with a string to the dog's tail, and turned the state of wretchedness that naturally resulted in of the river joining in the hellish concert,at last, he could retresh ins eyes and indice, with a string to the dogs can be wanted as a string to the dogs can be wanted in the string to the stri Just as he was turning from the main foad speed to Fort Deflance; the note was discovered could have helped blowing, and never having and read. Straightway a party was sent to the learned to control myself, could not suppress the ded him by the President .- Kentucky Flag.

> THE EMPRESS ECGENIE.-A letter from Paris thus describes her as she appeared at a Court

of the term-more beautiful on near view than at a distance, more beautiful in evening than in carriage toilette. Her features are beautiful in surburnt, was faultiess in its shape. The detail, and beautiful ensemble; beautiful in reof the ankle and foot, which neither shoe the cely word that can express the charms of mor stocking concealed; the noble and grace- her person. So easy, so childlike, so elegant in her manner, every movement, every attitude is the perfection of grace. She never seems conscious of her diamonds. Her Majesty wore a robe of white tulle, trimmed on the corsage, and the jupe to the knoss with green leaves, and with such rare heanty in such a rustic garb; over this was thrown a tunic of argentine. Her but soon recovering thought and speech, he swan-like neck rose out of a bed of dismonds, jumped over the low fence that divided the and her soft auburn hair lay back under a dispath from the meadow, and coming up to the dem of the most exquisite fucon. She were disyoung girl he addressed her as, is those days, mond bracelets; but so well does she know one of his class in life thought fit to neldress what to do with her hands, one scarcely notices a pretty country lass. His first words were them. She was a beautiful picture insireled in beauty and soul, of delicacy and refinement.

were yet, took the milk-pail from her head, and throwing its contents into the young girl, who had not uttered a single word; I would have borne with a Judge." Says Paddy to the Judge. "That's your answer, man's face, exclaimed: "That's your

impertinent fellow!" And leaving him thus

By and by the cars came tearing through the town with a whoop and a shrick that seemed to excite everybody wonderfully, considering the frequency of the occurrence. Passengers, porters, newsboys, in one mad crowd, rushed toward the depot, each emulating, in his own proper person, the noble rage of the snorting impatient monator, upon whose energy we were all depending. The only individual entirely unhis wish to stay at the inn for a few days, he excited was my escort, who never for a moment lost the appearance of sang froid and indifference that an earthquake would not have startled him out of I was convinced. Though we did not hurry, we were, before many of our fellow-vovgers, in possession of the best seats, and most nodiously because most deliberately, settled for the journey. Mr. Rutledge vas emphatically a good traveler, carrying the clear-sighted precision and deliberation of his mind into all the oungest of four children, and the only daugh- details of travel, and thereby securing himself from the petty annoyances that people often think unworthy of attention, but which do more than they suspect toward marring pleasure and destroying comfort. I aptly followed his manner and marvel of unconcerned deliberation in

the matter of securing my seat and arranging

y shawis, books and bags; which drew from

him the remark, with an approving glance, that

ervation, either from the fact of its being so

he perceived I was used to traveling. That ob-

absurdly incorrect in its premises, or from the

to me until 7 r. u., when we stopped at F-

A Railroad Adventure.

FROM "RUPLEDGE."

for the purpose of refreshment, impressed itself much upon my mind. After the wretched meal, called by compliment partake of, had been dispatched, and we were gain settled in the cars in which we were to travel all night, commenced the trials of the journeyto me, at least, for I was an entire novice, not having been twenty miles away from St. Catharine's since I first went there, and having but a dim recellection of that, my first and last journey till the present time. Being also subject to the most unbearably severe headaches upon any unisual excitement, it is not very wonderful that n this occasion I was attacked with one and before night had actually set in was as completely miserable as in the morning I had been completely happy. Excitement and weariness began to tell most painfully upon me. Not a bone but ached not a nerve in my whole body but throbbed and quivered. It was as impossible to think quietly as to sit quietly. Homesickness for the home I had been longing to get away from for years-all the miserable things I had ever suffered or dreaded-all the fancied and real trials of my

made sleep or composure an impossibility. tence as any of the rest. Mr. Rutledge occupied

rescue, and arrived just in time to save the lives indulgence of an emotion which, an hour afterfire of the riflemen, still advanced, Gibbs at his lance towering above those of his comrades. its a commission, which we hope will be awar- tried to smother my sobs, but they reached at its head. As they caught sight of the ditch, So wonderful and rapid were the feats he perlast the ear of my silent companion, who started, some of the officers cried out:

That question, so put, in the indescribable tone be most calling, was the best core that could sltogether; but in their place, the angry blood flew to my face, and I inly vowed, in accordance ith school-girl notions of right, never to forget press wood," make out, then with the slightest possible shrug of the shoulders, turned away, and seating him. Joe Baldwin, of Alabama has particularly reasonable or well-governed frame but break and retreat in confusion.

The best open elected one of the judges of the Supreme of mind, the aversion I had conceived increased.

Description of Packetham.—The her Court of California, and he well deserves it. — with alarming rapidity. It was wonderful how We have heard a good ansedots of the Judge. - powerful my resentment was to keep my wears. enhant had not far to go to meet his doom.

utterly repugnant to those two ideas, Mr. Rut- his hat, but waving it with his left hand, his ledge asked me if I would not prefer, on account right being wounded, cried out: of my fatigue, waiting there till the next train, which would arrive at noon?

I answered, "Decidedly not," with so much emphasis, that he only bowed and turned away; with what opinion of my temper it is not pleasant to think. Before the day was over, he had, I presume, concluded that he had taken under his

to arrive at C-, where we were to rest till morning: and thence taking the boat, were to

reach our journe As end about noon.

It was toward evening of a weary day; I was sitting listlessly looking out upon the dreary suburbs of the town which we seemed approaching, and thinking, by way of diverting myself, of Nelly and Agnes and school, and what they were doing now, and whether they missed me. when there came a sudden jar, then a horrid crash, a shrick that rent the air, a blow upon my head that made a hideous glare of light, then He lingered all that day and the succeeding darkness absolute, and I knew no more.

From Parton's Life of Jackson The Battle of New Orleans,

FINAL PREPARATION.-When, soon after lark, the noise of preparation in the British amp grew louder and came nearer, there ould not have been much doubt in the lines that another most unquiet Sunday was in reserve for them. There was much silent and rather grim preparation in Jackson's camp; a they were within one hundred yards of the cleaning of arms, a counting out of cartridges lines, and adjustment of flints, and a careful loading ea, which we were allowed twenty minutes to of muskets and rifles. Beside the thirty-two pounder was heaped up a bushel or two of musket-balls and fragment of iron, enough to fill the piece up to the muzzle, and which will fill it up to the sunzzle if the enemy come to close quarters, and deal such wholesale death among them as no thirty-two pounder has ever dealt before. Yes, grimness certainly prevails to a considerable extent. We are in earnest. Jackson walks slowly along the lines just before dark. He, too, is grim, but confident. He wears the look of a man whose mind is wholly made np, and who clearly knows what he will do in any and every case He stops occasionally, to see that the stacked muskets are all loaded, and says to Planche's men, as he goes along their part of the lines, "Don't fire till you can see the whites of their eyes, and if you want to sleep, sleep upon our arms."

Tue Bayrus -Stendily and fast the column ife then and there beset my aching head, and ten missing, sometimes throwing a ball right into its midst, and causing it to reel and pause to address a word, was as regardless of my exis-THE GENTLE OF NAPOLEON IN A SERGEANT - the seat before me, and the imperfect light of the more dreadful havoe, "cutting great lanes in of the contest. Nevertheless Abdoul ventured to they do slowly, but eating with them is a rapid ment, held his fire till the enemy were within tate the young chief's daring, satisfied with act-

> ward in hottest haste, always with deadly ef- equalled by his wariness, and at length, in the day or two, the Japanese learn by seeing it done The summit of the embankment was a line ity to the utmost, he bounded upon his enemy's ly very great, and for any kind of manipulation of spurting fire, except where the great guns to be forgotten by a man that heard it. Along

The column of Gen, Gibbs, mowed by the

and turning toward me, asked, with a shade of "Where are the Forty-fourth? If we get aloft in the saddle, sometimes seemed for a second impatience in his tone, what was the matter? to the ditch, we have no means of crossing to be suspended from the Khadhere by his wiry and scaling the lines!"

"Here come the Forty-fourth! Here come that shows to a sensitive ear a want of sympathy the Forty-fourth?" shouted the General; adding, in an undertone, for his own private sohave been devised for my tears. They were done, lace, "that if he lived till to-morrow he would hang Mullens on the highest tree in the cy-

forgive the insult. Angrily averting my head, Reassured, these heroic men pressed on, in him. It was evident to the most careless observdeclined any assistance or attention whatever, the face of that murderous, slaughtering fire. er, that the chief's son was the unrivated vicand pride having thus stepped in to the rescue, I But this could not last. With half its num- tor in the contest. was able to maintain as rigid a demeanor as Mr. ber fallen, and all its commanding officers Rutledge himself. For a moment he looked at disabled, except the General, its pathway ne with an expression that I could not quite strewed with dead and wounded, and the men falling ever faster and faster, the column wavered and recled (so the American riflemen thinks, is that while Davis was riding at the it a good field for political missionary operations. tude. That was enough; all my spirit was roused; I had always been good at hating, but sea. At about a hundred yards from the lines of bullets, on the field of Buenz Vista, the era. he present crisis brought out powers I had the front ranks halted, and so throw the col- ven who wrote that article set in his garret scrib- formed that it was grossly and intolerably po. never been aware of before; and there was a umn into disorder, Gibbs shouting in the bling a defence of the Mexicans; trusting that litical and partisan. Mr. Kellogg Strong, of that a soft etheral atmosphere—an atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere—atmosphere myself in the presence of Mr. Rutledge to help advance. There was no re-forming under such me along in detesting him; and not being in a a fire. Once checked, the column could not

"Hurrah! brave Highlanders!"

At that moment a mass of grapeshot, with a terrible crash, struck the group of which he was the central figure. One of the shots tore open the General's thigh, killed his horse and brought horse and rider to the ground charge about as wilful and disagreeable a young Captain McDougal caught the General in his miss as ever tried the patience of parent or pro- arms, removed him from the fallen horse, and supported him upon the field when a second shot struck the wounded man in the proin. resterday. That night at twelve, we expected depriving him instantly of consciousness. He was borne to the rear, and placed in the shade of an old live-oak, which still stands; and there, after gasping a few minutes, yielded up his life without a word, happily ignorant

of the sad issue of all his plans and toils, DEATH OF GEN. GIBBS .- A more painful fate was that of Gen. Gibbs. A few moments after Packenham fell, Gibbs received his death wound, and was carried off the field writhing in agony, and uttering fierce imprecations.night, dving in torment on the morrow .-Nearly at the same moment Gen. Keane was painfully wounded in the neck and the thigh. and was also borne to the rear. Col. Dale, of the Highlanders, fulfilled his prophecy, and fell at the head of his regiment. The Highanders, under Major Creagh, wavered not but advanced steadily, and too slowly, into the very tempest of Gen. Carroll's fire, until

The Tournament, FROM "EL FUREIDIS." Only the fresh youth of the tribe had a part n this military exercise. Mounted on perfettly trained borses, of which the riders seemed a part they arranged themselves in two parrallel lines, each youth facing his opponent, and awaiting a signal to commence the charge, Abdoul, conpicuous among his companions both for beauty and grace, was stationed at the extremity of that line which was nearest to the sheik's tent, and the simple waving of his hand served throughout the game as a word of command. Only a single antagonist advanced at the first summons. and was met by Abdoul in mid-career both horseen holding their lances high above their heads, and causing the thin reeds to quiver until they seemed like things of life. As the ambition of each youth was to disarm his adversary, these lances were the objects of attack. At the first charge, the thrusts on both sides were unsuccessful. With a rapid evolution the attempt was re-

side and sheltering himself and his weapon be- sadors are very di Gen. Carroll, coolly waiting for the right mo- The adversary made but feeble endeavors to imitwo hundred varis, and then gave the word- ing on the defensive, and striving to take advant- The manner of folding napkins artistically, for

lance and bore it off in triumph. This act was the signal for fresh lancers to rush showed their liquid, belching flash. The into the mimic warfare, both the conqueror in a few minutes, and can copy anything they noise was peculiar, and altogether indescribable; a rolling, bursting, echoing noise, never and as one after another was disarmed, and new opponents were called for, the whole company the whole line it blazed and rolled; the Brit- were gradually admitted into the lists. Thus the scene became more and more complicated,

The oid chief and his guests meanwhile watched the progress of the game, their eyes instinctively following Abdoul, who, acting under the inspiration of Havilah's presence, appeared to be in the thickest of the melee, the tall plumes of formed, that sometimes he knelt, sometimes stood as it were by magnetic attraction. Occasionally he leaped to the ground, ran a few steps, and vaulted again upon the back of the animal, who apparently understood and aided her master's Herald anœuvere. One after another his antagonists were discomfited and disarmed, but in no case was Abdoul baffled or his lance wrested from

Inflamous article on Jefferson Davis. That gen- in Connecticut, rolling up about 400 majority tleman is pronounced "the veriest of cowards." The best answer to this, the Portieral Argue who it appears is a rank Abolitionist, thought this to have a conception of what courage is!- the church and spoke in a loud voice to the

What's Thy Watchword!

What's thy watchword, brother, toiling Where the hurrying stream of life Sweeps along, 'mid fierce turmoiling, Anxious cares, and restless strife? Many delve and toil in blindness, Lured by phantons grave and gay; Brother! then, in love and kindness, What's the watchword? let me say.

Is it "Pleasure?" Seek it never Where the gay and thoughtless throng; Plies it from the wine-cup ever, And from bacchanalian song! But the Christ-like, the pure hearted, Dwell beneath joy's purest light; And "whoever will" may find it In the holy paths of right.

Do the glittering earth-toys lure the For the love of sordid gain; Would'st thy bind the immortal spirit With a gleaming, golden chain? Bind it to thy hoarded treasure, In the gay wold's busy mart? Oh! be wise! for with the treasure Evermore will dwell the heart!

Wouldst thou reach a clime immortal Where the brightest flowers bloom-Far beyond Deaths shadowy portal, Far beyond the dreary tomb? Oh! the treasures vanish never. Where the blessed angels roam; Joy and gladness dwell forever In the Christian's happy home!

Mortal! wake from sinful slumber!

Strive to do the good you can! And, though cares thy mind encumber, Learn the brotherhood of man! Oh! be strong, be brave, be carnest! Onward, upward be thy way! Then will Faith's clear light conduct thee Unto pure and perfect day!

LEAP YEAR.-A correspondent sends the fol, owing lines on leap year to the St Lois Bulle-

Then let us nerve our bashful hearts, And quell each timid doubt, And raise our drooping hopes and smooth Our wrinkled features out: And write thereon in letters plain,
That those may read who run—
"Proposals thankfully received 'Till eighteen sixty-on

Japanese Peculiarities. The Japanese, during their stay at the Inter national Hotel, have exhibited a great many pe, culiarities, which may be interesting to many readers, and, we believe, have not been told be fore. They have all shown themselves very easily pleased, and exceedingly well bred. When asked to try some dish, new to them, they do of General Gibbs marched toward batteries sumed, but was in a like manner foiled, one rider so; if they like it, they continue eating, express with each other. Human nature and charachind the body of his horse. Both tiltsmen were The inferior officers never enter their apartments skilled in the game; but, though possessing a without bowing, and the servants invariably

They are all very light eaters, but they take neared the lines the well aimed shot made effrontery. The opponent's lance was the prize their meals very quickly; almost everything men and parts of men sloft, or hurling them combatant's head, then dart forward, recover it, rice, but the dignitaries are fond of sweetmeats unbroken, they came within range of the the unequalled speed of the Khadhere, he hesitated not to fling his plumed reed in advance of dignitaries take a little chicken, and none of them small-arms, the rifles of Carroll's Tennesseans, him with such skill as to plant it upright in the use either milk or butter. They drink both tea the muskets of Adair's Kentuckians, four the ground. The game now became a race, but and coffee, and are no sooner through with their lines of sharp-shooters, one behind the other, one in which the sheik's son was sure to win.— meals than they go to smoking their wild tobac. co in small pipes. They are all very apt at learning anything.

age of the risks which Abdoul run. But to do instance, which for any other species of the pe-At first with a certain deliberation, after- this was impossible. Abdoul's skill was only nus home would require an apprenticeship of a once. Their powers of imitation are consequentapter scholars could not possibly be anywhere found. They learn to write the English letters see. The faculty of constructiveness, indeed seems to be a natural development, and also a certain serene good humor, which is indicated by their universally fat, plump, smiling round faces. Another national characteristic seems to be their inquisitiveness. There is hardly any thing that escapes them; about our government laws, customs, manufactories, country and so on they are never done asking questions. At the International, they were very curious to under. endued with magic powers. He was everywhere stand the relations between Mr. Haley and his employees; what sort of government was estab lished there: how Mr. Haley could have every thing attended to so well, and how he could ex. ercise so complete a control, unless he was a sort of a prince or master. And, it is almost

> follows: In the Methodist Church at Portland opposite Middletown, on the Sunday preceding dent from the Weslyan University at Middle The New York Tribune of Saturday has an town. Portland is the strongest Democratic town for Seymour. Probably the divinity student, preacher - "Young man, you came here to preach give me pleasure to show you," and proceeds the Gospel. I came here to hear it. And, un-A Taxx.—"My brethren," said a good old less you cease this preaching of politics, I shall The Welsh have a saying, "that if a wobackwoods preacher, "I'm gwine to preach go up into that pulpit and take you out of it." man were as quick with her feet as her tongue

RATIFICATION OF THE JAPAN TREATY.-The formal ratification of the new treaty with Japan took place at Washington on the 22nd ult. A letter says:

The treaty box was carried on poles home on the shoulders of two men, instead of four, as formerly, when taken to the President's the other day. There were four carriages. In the first were the two Ambassadors, Censor, and Capt. Dupont; in the second were the Vice Governor, Gensiro and Jougorro; in the third were three doctors and one in. terpreter, and in the fourth Mr. Portman and three others, under officers of the Vice Governor. Accompanying the treaty box were Tommy and two servants as an escort.

The comparison and exchange of treaties took place in the presence of Gen. Cass, Mr. Appleton, and the Embassy. The original treaty, in Japanese, was compared with the copies in Dutch and English, and certified copies given; also that the Senate had ratified and approved of them all.

The box containing the one in Japanese and Dutch was lined with crimson satin, gold lock, key, hinges, &c. After the ceremony was over the box was deposited in the big one, and taken back to Willard's in the same order it was taken up.

INGENIOUS MODE OF TYING HORSES .- The Icelanders have a most curious custom, and a most effectual one, of preventing horses from straying, which, I believe, is entirely peculiar to this Island. Two gentlemen, for instance, are riding together without attendants, and wishing to alight for the purpose of visiting some objects at a distance from the road, they tie the head of one horse to the tail of another, and the head of this to the tail of the former. In this state it is utterly impossible that they can move on, either backward or forward, the one pulling the one way and the other the other; and, therefore, if disposed to move at all, it will be only in a circle, and even then, there must be an agreement to turn their heads the same way.

Burrow's Visit to Iceland.

Topics OF GENERAL CONVERSATION .-Whatever can interest only in a particular place, is frivolous; whatever can interest only those who have pursued a particular course of study, is pedantic. Those topics of conversation only which are capable of interest, ing all tolerably informed men are dignified and elegant. They are those on which men of all places and professions may converse which delights every moderately refined man as much of sciences, arts, and professions, as when expressed in popular language the world in general can understand -these are the subjects of interesting conversation.

A man who had recently been elected a maor of militis, and who was not overburdened with brains, took into his head, on the morning of parade, to exercise a little by frimself. The field selected for the purpose was his own apartment. Placing bimself in military attitude, and with his sword drawn, he exclaim-"Attention company! Rear rank, three

paces, march!" and he tumbled down into His wife hearing the racket, came running

in, saving: "My dear, have you killed yourself?"

"Go about your busines, woman," said the hero, "what do you know about war?" Two frishmen were going to fire off a can-

non just for fun; but being of a rather economical turn of mind, they did not wish to lose the ball. So one of them took an iron kettle in his hand to catch it in; and stationing himself in front of the loaded piece, he exclaimed to the other who stood behind it holding a lighted torch:

" Touch it any, Tommy!"

Two clergymen entering into conversation, one lamented the little power his preaching and admorition had toward reclaiming his parishoners from their vices; to which the other replied he had been more lucky, for he had made many of them proselytes to the necessary to add, they were surprised at much three capital virtues, namely, faith, hope, and hand or the hollow sole of his foot, which clung which they learned in regard to the American repentance. "Ay," said the other, "you have people; and strange will be the accounts which been very fortunate, indeed. But, pray, by they will carry home of the great nation which what means did von bring them to so happy has no Princes and no Emperor. -San Francisco a conversion !"-" Why, by borrowing their money; for, had they not had faith in me Politics is a Church.-The Hartford Times that I should pay them, they would not have gives another remarkable scene in a church as lent it; after I had been indebted to them some time, they hoped I would return it; but now they know I cannot pay them, they election, a sermon was preached by a stn. heartify repent ever having lent it to me."

A frequenter of public dinners complains of the overwhelming quantity of dry toast. A man on passing through a gateway in the

dark, hit his nose ngainst the post. "I wish that post was in h- 1" said he. "Better wish it somewhere cise," said a bystander, " you might run against it again."

When a Worcester girl is kissed she looks surprised and says: "How could you!" towhich the swain is sure to reply: "It will

The preacher stopped in his discourse. One of she would catch fightning enough to kindle